

TOP TEN CODE VIOLATIONS

The Code Enforcement Office, under the Planning Department, is involved in enforcing compliance of county ordinances, regulations, including those pertaining to zoning, land use, nuisance housing, building codes, health and safety, blight, waste water and other matters of public concern. The office also serves as a resource and provides information on county regulations to property owners, residents, businesses, the general public, and other county departments and divisions. To help you learn more about these issues, we have put together a list of the most common violations that were cited in recent years and an explanation of the ADLC ordinance they relate to.

#1 Junk, Trash and Debris

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that it shall be the duty of the owner, agent, occupant or lessee to keep his/her property free of community decay. It shall be unlawful for a property owner or occupant to allow community decay within the public view. Community decay is created by allowing rubble, debris, junk, refuse, or inoperable and unlicensed motor vehicles, noxious or other weeds, grass or other wild and uncared for vegetation of whatever character to remain on any property in excess of seven (7) days.

#2 Residential Solid Waste Storage and Removal

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that each person of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County shall have sufficient container capacity to accommodate their normal volume of Group II solid waste between weekly disposal and that it is unlawful for any person to deposit household solid waste in any other private or commercial solid waste container without authorization. Disregard for the ordinance results in conditions that affect public health and result in dangerous and unsanitary conditions.

#3 Improper Parking of Motor Vehicles

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance Chapter 25 sections 75 through 134 prohibits the parking of any motorized vehicle within a crosswalk, loading zone, intersection, and in fire lanes and within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. It also prohibits parking any motorized vehicle in or on an alleyway, double parking of any motorized vehicle, and leaving any motorized vehicle parked in the same location for 36 consecutive hours.

#4 Improper Disposal of Animal Related Waste

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that all persons situated within a residential area, who keep and maintain domestic animals upon their premises shall be responsible for the regular removal of manure, animal litter, and other items hazardous to the public health. Whole animals, parts of animals, and by-products of animal slaughter are to be disposed of in a State licensed Class II landfill.

#5 Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks and Gutters

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that owners, agents, occupants or lessees whose properties face on City-County sidewalks and strips between streets and sidewalks shall be responsible for keeping those sidewalks and strips free of litter, noxious weeds, *snow and ice*.

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#6 Neglect of Vacant Properties

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that it shall be the duty of every non-resident owner of a vacant lot or other vacant property to appoint a resident agent who shall have responsibility for keeping that lot or other property free of solid waste, litter, noxious weeds, or any other waste material. It also states that it shall be unlawful for a property owner or occupant to allow community decay within the public view.

#7 Improper Disposal of Solid Waste

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that it shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of Group II and Group III solid waste any place other than an approved and licensed site.

#8 Buildings in Disrepair

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that anyone owning or in charge or control of any vacant building, within Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, shall barricade or permanently secure all windows, doors and other openings which are available for access by transients and trespassers. It also states that it is the duty of the owner, agent, occupant or lessee to keep his/her property free of community decay.

#9 Uncared For Vegetation

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that it shall be unlawful for a property owner or occupant to allow community decay within public view. Uncared for vegetation as it relates to community decay is defined as vegetation (not shrubs or trees) in a residential area that exceeds 8-inches above the soil level.

#10 Noxious Weeds

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinance 201A states that it shall be the duty of the owner, agent, occupant or lessee to keep his/her exterior private property free of litter and noxious weeds.

For questions, concerns, or to report a possible violation, please contact the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Code Enforcement Office at (406)563-7029 or e-mail code@anacondadeerlodge.mt.gov.



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